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STRAND, SEPARATING ELEMENT AND ASSEMBLY OF  
SEPARATING ELEMENTS  
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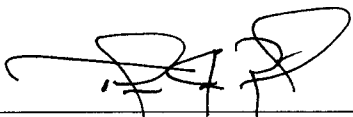
In response to the Final Office Action dated December 3, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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